GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4642
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Import of Silk
Datta Shri Sankar Prasad

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of silk imported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the custom duty on silk during the said period;

(c) whether the Government plans to bring down the import of silk to zero by 2020;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to improve the quality of silk being produced in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The details of silk and silk products imported into the country during last three years and the current year are given below:-

Silk & Silk Products Imported during last three years and current year

Value: In Crore Rs.

Items 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17(April-Sept.)

Raw Silk 896.44 970.82 1006.16 559.75

Silk Yarn 100.07 103.78 81.66 37.04

Fabrics & Made ups 315.32 239.01 249.46 113.15

Total 1311.83 1313.61 1337.28 709.94
Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata

(b): The details of custom duty on silk during three years and the current year are given below:-

Year 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17

Basic Custom Duty on imported Raw Silk & Silk Yarn (%) 15% 15% 10% 10%

(c) to (e): Government has taken several measures to progressively reduce import of raw silk & silk yarn to improve the quality of silk as given in Annexure-A.